

AMONG THE BOOKS

From Dublin to Chicago

Why should every Englishman who visits America produce a guide book to our idiosyncrasies? It makes us feel so much like the "submerged tenth" among the nation—sure to draw a letter or even a magazine article (returned with polite rejection slip) from the national debutante who makes her first slumming trip. Americans who visit England don't hurry to write about the English bathtub unless they are professional humorists on an assignment.

A year ago a vague hope stirred our bosoms that George A. Birmingham, lecturing here on Ireland, the drama and one thing and another, would be Irish enough to spare us. But now that the George Doran Company has printed his record, "From Dublin to Chicago," Americans may legitimately regret the hope, for Mr. Birmingham's journal is worth reading.

This newest national slumming expedition is not readable because of the things the author observes, though they are interesting enough. We have long suspected that Americans don't swear as much as Englishmen; that we pronounce the word "very" neither as "vury" (English version of American speech) nor "ver-ry" (American version of English speech); that the word "right," as in "I'll send your trunk up right away," is the exact equivalent of the Elizabethan "anon, sir, anon." Perhaps the most valuable reflection in "From Dublin to Chicago" is as germane to England as to America:



FANNY HURST
Author of "Just Around the Corner"—Harpers.

Mrs. Ward on Militancy

When the reader of Mrs. Humphry Ward's new novel, "Della Blanchflower" (Hearst's International Library Company, New York), gets by his surprise in the first chapter at finding a Britisher and a German exchanging smokers' courtesies at an Austrian hotel, he quickly finds himself absorbed in as finely told a story as any the talented author has yet devised. The German no sooner appears than he disappears, but it is not peace that follows; the rest of the book belongs to English life in the days of militant struggle. For Mrs. Ward's theme, this time is militancy.

The principal personalities which act upon one another are three—that of a militant (the adjective "rabid" would be superfluous), that of a young girl who thinks she has had her eyes opened to the truth of things by this quiet-mannered Fury, and that of a bachelor of 40, with out-of-fashion ideas of human relationships and duties. The bachelor, Mark Winington, is the leading citizen of the village of Maumsey, and finds a task out for him when, by the wily request of Sir Robert Blanchflower, he becomes the guardian of his daughter Della. But Della is of age and selects as her chaplain the militant lady who had embittered the last days of Sir Robert by alienating his daughter's devotion. Winington's battle is to dialogue the chaplain and prevent the high-spirited Della from wasting her money and herself on "the enthusiast" her chaplain the fanatic.

Wild Woods and Waterways

For the person who finds joy in the forest or who dreams of the beauty of the speckled trout as they shoot wildly through the mountain streams, an unusual winter's evening entertainment may be found in William Chalmers Covert's latest contribution to the nature-loving world, through the press of the Presbyterian Board of Publication (Philadelphia), his "Wild Woods and Waterways." Somewhat after the style of Henry Van Dyke's famous "Days Off," this book portrays in each chapter the beauties and pleasures of God's great outdoors, leading the reader on and on with exhilaration until he can inhale the sweet fragrance of the autumn foliage as he sees and hears the shy, wild creatures that make their homes among the mammoth trees, and can feel the thrill that has come to him so often when, for the first time, the king of the sparkling brooklet splashes mightily and takes the fly as he whips the foaming pools below the waterfalls.

In every page of this book there is found a lesson of comfort, peace and hope that could only be told and appreciated by those who have the true love for the philosophy of life and have been so fortunate as to awaken to the never-ending sermons that nature teaches to those who are fortunate enough to appreciate excursions into the depths of the whispering wilds. There are many beautiful illustrations from photographs among the pages.

Robin Hood a la Walter Crane

Eight color plates by Walter Crane and an entertaining story derived from old ballads make a pleasant new edition of the story of "Robin Hood and His Merry Men" (G. A. Stokes Company, New York). The "ballad" is a charmingly made living, and with him the whole company of Much and Ket, and Alan-a-Dale. The book is for children, but the illustrations are for all. Mr. Crane's excellent drawing, his cheerful and striking color schemes and his excellent historical sense make these eight plates remarkable. For one thing, the reader begins to know the true color of Lincoln green and to have a true idea of the beauty, at least, of the times of Master Robin.

Hoyle Complete

Only another Hoyle could justify criticism "Hoyle's Complete Hoyle" (Stokes, New York). But even a layman can predict that professional gamblers can hardly find a more complete compilation and description of all possible games than Foster offers. He treats thoroughly and completely all possible games, from the simplest game of hearts to auction bridge, pool and chess. He describes not only methods of procedure, settings and purposes, but in some cases he even discusses possible moves and situations.

How It Happened

An excellent Christmas story for children is Kate Langley Bosher's new book, "How It Happened." Written in a style that may be easily comprehended by a young child, this book will surely receive excellent patronage on the market.

Brute Force vs. Brain

In Ridgwell Cullum's new novel is introduced a professional labor leader. Read of this man's combat with a superior manhood.

The Way of the Strong

tells the story of a strong man whose opposition was enough to crush a less dominating personality. It is too big, too compelling a story to read once. Buy it today.

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Armies in Action

"There exists in this country among some of our people," say the authors of "The Modern Army" (McBride, Nast & Co.), "a belief that national necessities may be forcibly sustained by the action of a million men springing to arms at their country's call." "Nobody has been able to suggest from what source the officers for such a force, or even for 50 per cent. of that force, could be obtained." Such a force would lack confidence in its own ability, and confidence is in itself an essential in the make-up of an army. By confidence is not meant ignorant enthusiasm, but a certain amount of knowledge of the military methods which are being employed in Europe today.

Explaining America

The author of "Americans and the Britons" (D. Appleton & Co., New York) does not feel that an apology is necessary for another book on America written by a foreigner. It is not necessary for a good one, but it is necessary for a teacher of American history. The author of "Americans and the Britons" is a teacher at Harvard College; he therefore lived in America, or a part of it, and his book is more thorough than such a thing as "Tour United States." But it is not a book for detail as Mr. Bennett's work. It is written with a critical reserve concerning the success of democracy, but his satire is not as smarting as those of Max O'Reil in his famous but forgotten "Uncle Sam."

Politics, as a Game

Politics, as it is played and politicians, as they declaim in loud appeals for the dear people, are pitilessly exposed in "The Pakeeta" (George H. Doran Company), by Samuel G. Blythe.

Telling It About the Marines

Snobbish and caste lines make the United States Marine Corps a good thing for independent, free born men not to join if there is any truth to the fiction of "The Wall Between" (Scrivener, New York). The author lifts his hero, John Kendall, over this wall of caste between the rankers and the officers, but with only a semblance of plausibility. The average enlisted man must keep to his own side of the wall, not having a Colonel's daughter to fall in love with him, as had Kendall.

Mystery of Pain

Even in 1914 it is worth while to publish James Hinton's "Mystery of Pain" (Mitchell Kennedy, New York). His thoughts are not "new," but they are philosophical, and the motive underneath must be appreciated by the thoughtful of all ages. The treatise was first published in 1895, so when we read such passages as:

Comfort for the Family

Revolution in household management is leading to the comfort of the family (George H. Doran, New York). Any young housewife who looks for courage and help in her servant problem and in the tedious difficulties will find this book a "wells and mine" for truly modern housekeeping—rich in suggestions, effectively illustrated, and convincing in its purpose. It deals with management, comfort, and health and shows how to manage the household with a minimum of trouble.

We Are French

Perley Sheehan and Robert Davis' little novel, entitled "We Are French," treats of a story told in a small country in France of one Pierre Dupont. Dupont is a veteran of the Algerian uprising in North Africa, and while sitting in the tavern of the town he is asked by his friends to recite a tale of some of the adventures he had seen while serving under the French flag. He tells the story of Abdou Prizand, who served in the same regiment with him, and the heroism with which he had fought the side of the French in the battle of the Marston.

Store Opens 8:30 A. M. WANAMAKER'S Store Closes 5:30 P. M.

Ready Bright and Early Monday At Wanamaker's Thousands of Women's Fine Dresses, Suits, Coats and Wraps in a Sale at Extraordinary Reductions

A sale that comprises the pick of the surplus stocks of a dozen New York manufacturers, and our own stocks, with new prices on every garment. In every instance where the price was already reduced it has been made still lower.

This means an unexampled opportunity for the women of Philadelphia who want extra suits for Winter—both of the tailored and novelty kinds, and day and evening dresses till well on into Spring.

Serge dresses actually as low as \$5—though you would have paid twice as much early in the season.

Dozens of styles of evening dresses for as little as \$8.75—these also having been twice as much.

Another wonderful group of evening dresses—ruffled styles and high girdled styles especially—is \$13.50.

Among day dresses at \$15 there are broadcloths edged with fur; serges combined with charmeuse; satin frocks, velvet frocks.

At \$19.75 there are accordion pleated crepes de chine, beaded serges, velvet-and-charmeuse combinations with a military air and simple velvets with fur edges.

Dancing frocks at \$21 comprise one of the most interesting groups in the entire collection—gold and silver shot brocades, gold and silver laces and other marvelous tissues.

In another group at \$22.50 you will see the very newest fashion idea—the use of the new chiffon brilliant, the very wide skirts, the black velvet bands.

Other groups of evening gowns with equally

good values are tagged at \$35, \$50, \$75 and \$95.

The suits include both the plainer sorts—starting at \$7.50 and the lovely novelties that run up to \$95. And we know of no better tailor of moderately priced garments than the man who supplied those suits at \$7.50.

There are long and short coat suits, including corduroys at \$10, fur trimmed broadcloths at \$15, suits trimmed with velvet, caracul cloth and broadcloth and other materials, at \$19.75. As prices go up to \$25 and \$50 and \$75, you will find novelties of the richest and most beautiful kinds.

Practically all the day and evening coats and wraps in the Coat Salon have been reduced and are also in this Sale. Many of them were reduced still further today. Some magnificent brocade and velvet evening wraps are in the lot. Prices start at \$25 and end at \$75.

A shipment of brand new coats just unpacked includes some special broadcloths, fur trimmed, at \$18.75, and other specials—plush, corduroy and caracul cloths, at \$25.

(First Floor, Central)

12,000 Men's Neglige Shirts In a Sale at 65c

Nearly every kind of neglige shirt that a man wants except silk shirts. Good laundered madras and percale shirts, with cuffs attached; crepe effect and twilled shirts, with turn-back cuffs; mercerized cotton shirts that much resemble silk; shirts with tiny jacquard figures; shirts in narrow stripe effects; shirts in white stripes; shirts in nearly a hundred patterns.

They are from our biggest and best shirt maker upon whom rested a business obligation,

to turn over to us whatever lay in of his season's overlots of materials.

We had the pick of many thousands of yards of shirtings left over when he filled his big winter orders, and he made them up for us.

At an Average of Half Price

Men who come earliest will get very fine picking.

(Main Floor, Market)

All the Winter Coats for Children Are Now \$3 to \$15

There are just 227 of them, and though they are somewhat broken in size they are otherwise quite perfect. Suitable for folk of 2 to 6 years.

White Goods and Embroideries Remnants

Short pieces of white cotton fabrics—enough for blouses, guimpes, underwear and aprons. Also many short lengths of embroideries for trimmings. All are less.

Odd Blankets of Many Kinds Specially Priced

From \$3.75 to \$12.50 a pair. A fairly good assortment to choose from, but very few pairs of any one particular kind.

Every Good Color in Fine Broadcloths

Is still here, owing to a number of late shipments we were able to secure, and broadcloths are still just as fashionable as ever for handsome tailored suits, afternoon gowns, coats and evening wraps.

In colors from \$1 to \$3 a yard, and in black \$1 to \$4 a yard.

Bureau Covers and Shams 18c and 25c

Possibly you may need to freshen them up a bit or they may only need pressing, but they are all higher priced grades.

Some are scalloped, others lace trimmed or hemstitched. In a few cases matching sets of shams and bureau covers may be made up.

Men's Fine Soft Hats Special at \$2

These are odd lots of hats from our regular stocks, where they have been selling for anywhere from \$1 to \$3 more than today's price.

Every one fine in style and sound in service.

Some Very Pretty Neckwear With Smaller Prices

For the reason that it is slightly soiled and somewhat mussed from the Christmas selling.

Hand-embroidered collars and other kinds, sets and vestees from 15c to \$2.50, which is just about half and even less.

JOHN WANAMAKER